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First-ever Karanji Lake Festival begins

- School children, tourists throng scenic Lake and Butterfly Park
- Two-day festival pushes for conservation of water bodies

School children dress up as trees, fruits, tigers, peacocks and parrots during Karanji Lake Festival in city this morning. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MTY&BCT)- The scenic and full-to-the-brim Karanji Lake was a beehive of activity as the two-day Karanji Lake Festival began this morning. The lake was thrown open to hundreds of children, tourists and visitors and as an icing on the cake, entry to the lake was free.

Enthusiastic tourists queued up before the boating counter to ride in over 12 boats — including pedal boats and rowing boats — to enjoy the beauty of the nature. Visitors were allowed freely from the Karanji Lake entrance and entrance to the Butterfly Park too was free.

The first-ever Lake Festival is being organised at the Karanji Lake Nature Park where experts in the field of lake conservation and wetlands have been roped in to educate visitors about the uses of lakes, how the lakes are useful in bringing rains, how they support aquatic and avian lives, etc.

The lake had gone bone dry early this year due to paucity of rains and the dry lake threatened the very existence of the lake. Records say that the water body had gone completely dry in 1988 too. Using this opportunity, the Mysuru Zoo management that manages the lake undertook scientific de-silting. Subsequently, it rained heavily in October this year filling the lake. Now the picturesque lake is in its full glory.

The Lake Festival is being organised to create awareness about biodiversity and its eco-system as well as significance of preserving and rejuvenating depleting water bodies.

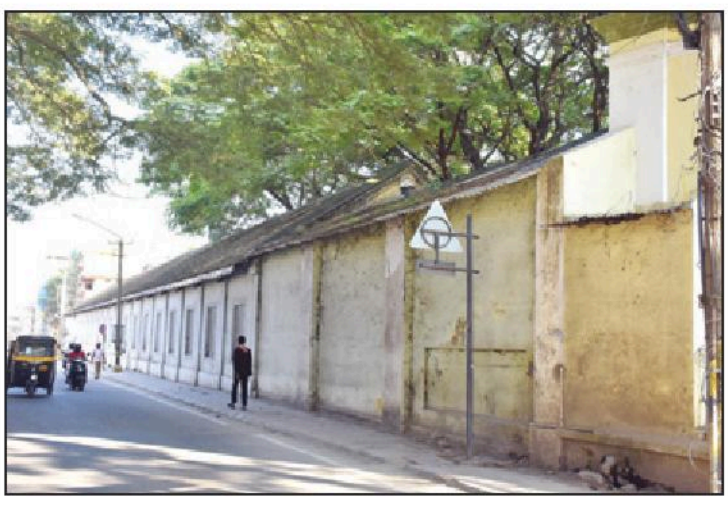
This morning, a photo exhibition was inaugurated at the lake premises followed by inauguration of the festival by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath.

(See KARANJI LAKE on page 8)

Feb. 2020 deadline to complete Irwin Road works

Mysuru, Dec.16 (RK&BCT)- The much delayed and controversial widening of Irwin Road in city has gained fresh traction with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) expediting land acquisition process, paying compensation for land and setting in motion the demolition of acquired properties.

There are 84 properties on the road and compensation have been paid for 74 properties. The process to demolish the rest of the properties will be



initiated this week. MCC officials are aiming to complete the project by February end.

MCC will take up demolition of the 350-metre stretch between K.T. Street till Government Ayurveda College. This stretch has the office of the District Industries Centre (DIC) and the compound of Central Library. Rs.3.5 crore has been given as compensation to the DIC and the premises was inspected two days back by Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and DIC Joint Director Lingaraju. The demolition of this space will begin next week.

The MCC has to take up the demolition of the remaining stretch from K.T. Street to Central Post Office (Nehru Circle next.). Among the contentious properties is the Jumma Masjid which was built by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1927 at a cost of Rs.38,000. Nalwadi had delivered the first sermon at the Masjid.

(See IRWIN ROAD on page 8)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy B.A.; B.L.
Mysuru, Monday 16th December 2019

Insight into *infrastructure*

The earth's biggest *infrastructure* is the earth *itself*, better say *herself* given the exalted position of mother in common parlance. In typical Indian families, mother has all the qualifications to be called their infrastructure living form that works, nay toils, for the cause of well-being of *all* members of the family, in both urban space and the land's villages. The rivers that provide water to quench thirst of living beings, to raise food and cash crops, to keep the wheels of industry in motion, to keep the environment in cool comfort, to wash linen soiled for ridding dirt and odour, to keep the water table as close to the earth's surface as possible, to sanitise both living space and open environment and so on have no equal as a versatile infrastructure. Keeping exalted company with the *flowing* rivers bestowing incalculable benefits to human beings, denizens of the forest, flora and fauna in water bodies are the lakes and ponds of dimensions in a wide range. Forests that provide green cover and enrich the atmosphere with life-saving oxygen constitute yet another infrastructure gifted to mankind.

Temples in all regions of the country devoted to deities identified by their names in thousands, particularly the towering structures of several storeys, every one of them an architectural marvel as they abound in Southern States, including Karnataka, are testimony to the engineering excellence of the land's ancient people to create enduring infra.

Infrastructure in common parlance is limited to structures, invariably raised for housing Government Offices, conducting trade and commerce, roads for commuting and transport of goods, garrison for warehousing arms and ammunition, buildings for housing educational institutions and museums, heritage structures reflecting heritage of the people and land, parks for children to play as well as adults, particularly senior citizens, to relax and so on, not to forget the dramatically emerging high-rise residential and other buildings changing the skyline of cities, including Mysuru. Given the all-too-familiar deterioration in the civil works of all types of infra across the country and also utter neglect of all components of infrastructure, both created by human beings in years not too long past and those bequeathed by past generations, the scene of mountainous muck in foreseeable future may not be difficult to imagine.

As the human population numerically outstrip all other species needing space to survive and subsist, more *infrastructure* is bound to be created making the Malthusian catastrophe a reality, that future generations will be all at seas in their struggle to survive.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

RAPE AS A TAMASHA: ***Vigilante Policemen are fetted for shooting rape accused in Hyderabad "while escaping" — the oldest trick in the book. In Delhi, the Government is planning to extract some political mileage by planning to hang the four remaining rape accused in the high profile December 16, 2012 rape on the seventh anniversary of the crime. In Unnao, a victim dies after being burnt alive by her attackers. In the same district, another victim's father is killed in custody and she and her relatives are attacked. In Parliament, various MPs make grand statements about the "safety of India's daughters." Most Indians are agreed that rape is a monstrous atrocity against women and rapists should be brought to book. Beyond the cathartic demands for "justice", how deep does this societal concern go?***

— In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dog starts fire after owners leave him home alone

Essex: A Siberian Husky dog, which was left alone at home in Essex, started kitchen when it switched on a microwave with some buns inside. A packet of bread rolls were inside the microwave at the time and began to burn, causing a small fire. The dog, was alone in the kitchen at the time - his owner was not at home. But he noticed smoke in the kitchen using a camera connected to his phone.

Geoff Wheal of Corringham fire station, said: "Clearly this is a very strange incident involving the man's dog, but it could still have been more serious." "When we arrived, the kitchen was filled with smoke and firefighters ensured that the damage did not spread beyond the kitchen area - but the incident it demonstrates that microwaves shouldn't be used to store food when they aren't in use," Geoff added.

Christmas tree out of confiscated items at airport

Lithuania: An airport in Lithuania took an unusual approach to holiday decorating when it assembled a Christmas tree out of confiscated items. Lithuanian Airports said the tree at Vilnius Airport was assembled from prohibited items that were seized by security officers during the screening process.

Photos of the "educational masterpiece" tree show hundreds of pairs of scissors, as well as knives, cutters, lighters and other goods deemed too dangerous to allow on planes. "So if you don't want your personal belongings to land on our next year's Christmas tree, check your baggage before you pack for your next flight," Lithuanian Airports said.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

Are skin tags dangerous?

Skin tags are benign tumours that usually pose no threat to health unless they are in an area like the underarms that cause friction from rubbing. Tags often have a "stalk" that is thinner than the body of the tag. Their colour may be the same as surrounding skin, or slightly darker. They are usually no bigger than an apple seed.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

International workshop on "Borderless Biology: From Basics to Business" on Dec.18

Mysuru, Dec. 16- JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Division of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru, is organising a three-day international workshop on the theme "Borderless Biology: From Basics to Business" from Dec.18 to Dec. 20.

The workshop is exclusively for Ph.D students, research scholars and faculty involved in biological research. With an aim to encourage researchers to transcend their basic research towards translational research, boosting their research perspectives and widening the scope of career in Science and Technology, this workshop will motivate the participants to carry out problem-solving research, benefiting the health and society.

Overall, the workshop provides insights of basic and applied research strategies that aid in successful transition of "Basic Research to Business."

Eminent speakers from various research institutes, academia and industry like National University of Singapore; University of Florida. USA; Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; National Centre for Cell Science, Pune; JSS AHER, Mysuru; University of Mysore; Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Cochin; Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly, Kerala; The Himalaya Drug Company; Prosetta Bioconformatics Pvt Ltd; Vins Bioproducts Ltd; and Snakebite Healing and Education Society, Maharashtra, shall be engaging the participants with a broader spectrum of biological research in the workshop.

Interested may register online today [Link to Register:https://forms.gle/XsWiKx3RXERXe-9W6A]. For further details contact Dr. J.R. Kumar on Mob: 90350-14468, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words.***
- ***All the blinking in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes.***
- ***Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"My wife suffers from a drinking problem."
"Oh is she an alcoholic?"
"No, I am, but she's the one who suffers!!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 70.79
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.27
1 Euro	= Rs. 78.81

VOICE OF THE READER

FASTag must not be mandatory for all vehicles

Sir,

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has made it mandatory that all four-wheel vehicles should carry FASTag, which they say, will help faster clearance of vehicles through the Toll Gates. I think that making it compulsory is absurd.

I own a car but I seldom drive out on the Highways. So why should I invest in a FASTag and also pay double the toll for not having one? I am sure there are lakhs of owners similar to me. It's not a case of just Rs.500 but the collection, country-wise will be in several crores!

The authorities could make it compulsory for all buses and lorries, taxis and the like, but leave it optional for privately owned cars. I am surprised that no one is objecting to the imposition of this unnecessary expenses. The authorities would do well to rethink on this issue.

—P.L. Jothindra
Ramakrishnanagar
14.12.2019

Dec. 31 last date to link Aadhaar with PAN

Here's how to do it online, through SMS

New Delhi, Dec. 16- If you haven't linked your Aadhaar number with PAN or Permanent Account Number already, Dec. 31 is the last date to do so.

The Income Tax Department in September this year extended the due date for linking the PAN with the Aadhaar by three months, marking the seventh extension in the due date for the public to link the two identification numbers. Aadhaar or Unique Identity Number is a 12-digit number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) whereas PAN is a 10-character alphanumeric number issued by the Income Tax Department.

Here's how to link the Aadhaar with the PAN online:

Aadhaar-PAN Linking - Through Income Tax Portal

In order to link a PAN with Aadhaar online, the assessee is required to log in to the e-filing portal, *https://www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/home*, according to the Income Tax Department.

After login, the user can select the "link Aadhaar" option under "profile settings" or "quick links".

Aadhaar-PAN Linking - Through SMS Service

The Income Tax Department also provides an SMS-based facility to enable the linking of Aadhaar with PAN online. In order to access this service, the user is required to send an SMS to either 567678 or 56161 in the following format, according to the Income Tax Department:

UIDPAN<12 digit Aadhaar><10 digit PAN>

For example: UIDPAN 111122223333 AAAPA9999Q

Name on Aadhaar and PAN must be identical

Both the facilities allow the user to link the Aadhaar with PAN if the name given in both the identification documents is identical, according to the Income Tax Department's website, *https://incometaxindia.gov.in/Pages/default.aspx*

Talk on "The Life and Times of M.N. Srinivas" tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.16 - Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015 has organised a talk on "The Life and Times of M. N. Srinivas" by David Gellner, Professor of Social Anthropology at University of Oxford, tomorrow (Dec. 17) at 5.30 pm at Roopa Elite, No. D-29, 6th Main Road, V.V. Mohalla.

M.N. Srinivas *David Gellner*

Profile: Mysore Narasimhachar Srinivas (M.N. Srinivas), a Social Anthropologist, was well-known for his body of work on caste systems and caste as a social institution. His connection with South India is seen in the extensive fieldwork he did in Coorg (Kodagu) and his study of the different castes in that hilly district.

A product of the University of Bombay and University of Oxford, he is the author of *Social Change in Modern India* and *Caste in Modern India*. He received the prestigious *Padma Bhushan* award in 1977.

Prof. David Gellner specialises in the study of religion, politics, ethnicity, caste and social change in Nepal and North India. Earlier, as Lecturer in Anthropology of South Asia in the University of Oxford, he walked in the footsteps of M.N. Srinivas, who was in that position in 1947.

For details contact Mob: 96062 87711 or 78997 57259.

Annual Day at Vijaya Vittala from Dec.17

Mysuru, Dec.16-Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions, Saraswathipuram, will be celebrating its Annual Day from Dec.17 to 19 at its premises.

On Dec.17at 5 pm, 14th Annual Day of Vijaya Vittala PU College will be inaugurated by Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar. DDPUE Dr. B.N. Nagarathna will be the chief guest. Trustee of VVEI B.S. Ravikumar will preside. Trustee Srikanth Das, Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, PU College Principal H. Satyaprasad and Principal of VVVS S.P. Asha, will be present.

The 35th Annual Day of Higher Primary and High School section will be held on Dec.18 at 5 pm in the presence of Sri Vishva Prasanna Theertha Swamiji of Sri Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt, Udupi.

Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta will be the chief guest. R. Guru, Chairman of VVEI, will preside.

On 19th, the 35th Annual Day of Nursery and Primary section will be held at 5 pm. DDPI Dr. Panduranga will be the chief guest. Trustee Phaniraj will preside.

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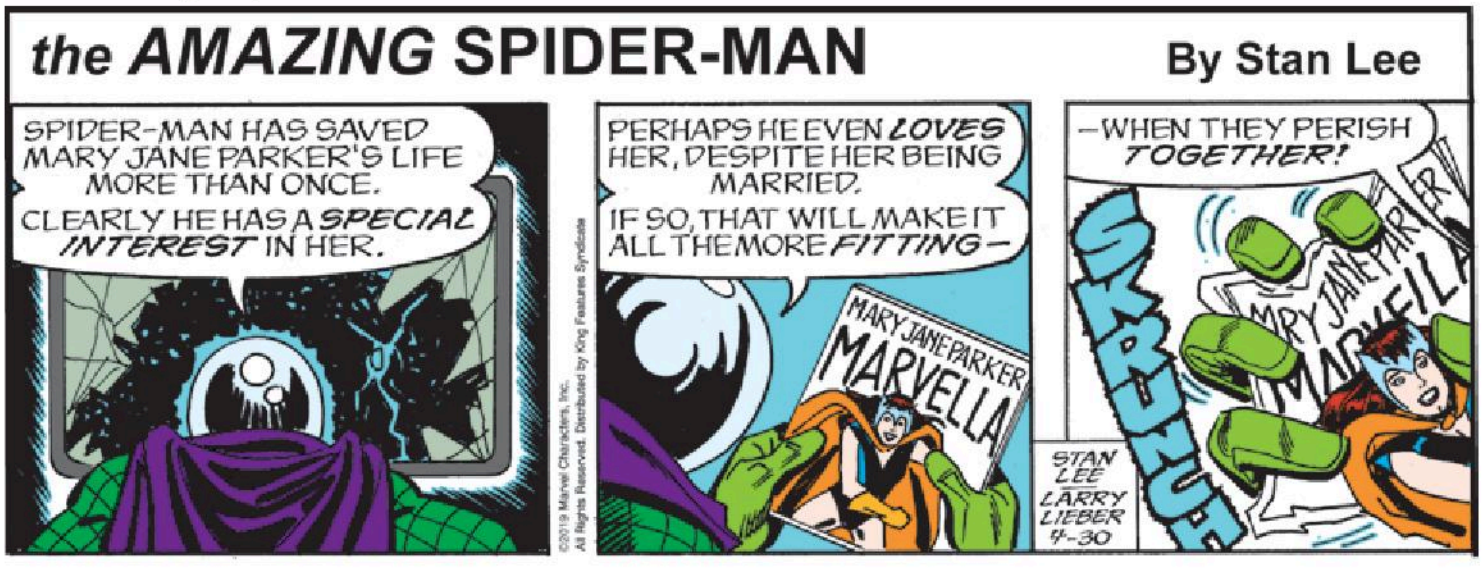
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
By Stan Lee
SPIDER-MAN HAS SAVED MARY JANE PARKER'S LIFE MORE THAN ONCE.
CLEARLY HE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN HER.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling computer teachers

Nrupatunga Kannada School, located in E&F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, has entered into an agreement with Electronics Corporation of India Limited for conducting computer classes. Interested computer teachers can enrol as trainers, by sending their detailed resume via e-mail: nrupann374@gmail.com, latest by Dec.19, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 92435-03913 or 94483-61458.

'Pramati Utsava'

Pramati Hillview Academy has organised 'Pramati Utsava' at Kalamandira in city tomorrow (Dec.17). Lecturer and renowned actor Sunder will inaugurate the event at 10 am. Kannada Book Authority President Dr. M.N. Nandeesh Hanche will inaugurate the evening session at 4.30 pm. Academy President Bhavani Shankar will preside. Academy Secretary H.V. Rajeev and Treasurer S. Paniraj will be present.

Entries invited

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation has invited applications to appoint District-level Committee members to implement various schemes initiated by the Government through Development Board for Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Communities belonging to SC and ST communities. Nominated members will be selected under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner. Community leaders are requested to send their applications to the Office of General Manager, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation, Mysuru, before Dec.28. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2332480.

Trekking

The Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Gangothri Unit, Mysuru, is organising a two-day trekking programme at Ratnagiri Fort, Vidurashwatha and other trekking spots in Andhra Pradesh on Dec.20 and 21. Those interested in participating, can register by calling Mob: 94490-47132.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	122.28 ft
Yesterday	122.36 ft
Inflow	3,627 cusecs
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Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.35 ft
Inflow	684 cusecs
Outflow	1000 cusecs

MCC constitutes 'City Livelihood Committee'

Identifies 29 places for street vendors

Mysuru, Dec.16 (YDS&US)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has identified 29 places for street vendors to carry on their business. A Committee, constituted by MCC, along with identifying the places for vendors, has also identified 14 places where street vending is prohibited which was decided at a meeting held recently.

As a few Corporators hinted that a few of the identified places for street vending were with very less movement of people, affecting the business, MCC Commissioner suggested the Zonal Commissioners to review the places identified for street vending and submit a report soon.

MCC has recognised 1856 street vendors in city and has distributed ID card and trade licence. The vendors have been effectively groomed on cleanliness. Infrastructure like power supply, water connection and toilet have to be provided at the 29 identified places, according to MCC sources.

The newly constituted MCC Committee called 'City Livelihood Committee' is headed by the MCC Commissioner with 22 members including Mayor, MUDA Commissioner, DCP, MCC Additional Commissioner, Deputy Revenue Commissioner, DDPI, Fire Officer, Food Safety Officer and Lead Bank Manager together with nine representatives of various organisations.

Over 4,000 cases disposed off at last Lok Adalat of the year

Mysuru, Dec.16 (PM&DM)- The fourth and the last National Lok Adalat of the year 2019 that was held yesterday, saw settlement of 4,709 cases with a total compensation of Rs.21.78 crore.

The Lok Adalat was held at the District Law Courts Complex and the Court at Malalawadi (behind Apollo Hospital) on Saturday, in the absence of advocates who decided to stay away from the proceedings in protest against the Government order cancelling fourth Saturday holiday for Courts.

A total of 15,258 cases, including over two thousand pre-litigation cases were taken up. The Adalat saw settlement of 357 pre-litigation cases with total compensation of Rs.3.61 crore and 4,352 other cases with total compensation of Rs.18.17 crore.

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), which conducted the Lok Adalat, took the assistance of Para-legal volunteers, Public Prosecutors and social workers for the settlement of cases, following boycott by advocates.

Former MLA demands retention of proposed Film City in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that Mysuru is the best place in the State for having the Film City, former KR MLA M.K. Somashekar has urged the Government not to move the proposed Film City at Immavu near Mysuru to elsewhere.

Somashekar

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here on Saturday, Somashekar said that Mysuru, which is known as the Cultural Capital of the State, also boasts of many top tourist spots, with thousands of tourists from across the globe visiting the city.

Asserting that film production activities take place in and around the city almost every other day, the former MLA pressed the Government to establish the Film City at Immavu as decided by the earlier Siddharamaiah-headed Government.

Highlighting the benefits of establishing the Film City in Mysuru, Somashekar took strong objection to the present Government's move to shift the Film City to a place near Bengaluru.

Pointing out that the Siddharamaiah Government had earmarked 100 acres of land at Immavu in Nanjangud taluk, which is about 25 kms from Mysuru, he maintained that this place was most ideal for the Film City, considering the geographic nature of the place and its close proximity to Mysuru city, which is one of the top tourist destinations of the country.

Asking the ruling BJP Government to stop playing politics on Film City, Somashekar warned the Government that the people of Mysuru will strongly protest the shifting of the Film City.

Corporators Shobha Sunil and Lokesh Piya, former Corporator Sunil and youth leader Gunashekar were present.

Excise DC holds Divisional Progress Review Meeting

Mysuru, Dec.16- Deputy Commissioner of Excise K.S. Murali said that the State Excise Department has achieved a target of Rs.14,313 crore in the period from April 2019 to November 2019 as against the set target of Rs.20,950 crore for the financial year 2019-20, which is a 8.2 percent increase as compared to the previous year.

He was speaking at a Mysuru Division Progress Review Meeting of the Excise Department held at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) here recently.

Pointing out that stock lifting was recorded at 66.57 lakh cartons in the period from April to Nov. 2019, Murali said the stock lifting during the same period last year was 61.78 lakh cartons, which is an increase of 7.7 percent. He also called for speeding up Excise enforcements.

Excise Minister H. Nagesh presided. Excise Commissioner Dr. Y. Manjunath, Excise Superintendents and other officials from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Chikkamagalur districts took part.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.16- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Dec.17) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

FTS Power Distribution Centre: Shivaji Road, A.J. Block, Gandhinagar, Sathyanagar, Mahadevapura Road, Mohammed Sait Block, Bannimantap, Tilaknagar, Bannimantap A and B Layouts, Rajendranagar, Kesare 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Naidunagar, N.R. Mohalla, Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Pulikeshi Road, Kailasapuram, Mandi Mohalla and surrounding areas.

Devanur Power Distribution Centre: Rajivnagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Shanthinagar, Nehrunagar, Radhakrishnanagar, Bharathnagar, JSS Layout, Shakthinagar, Ghousianagar, Kyathamaranahalli, Kalyanagiri, Hanchya, Bugathahalli, Melapura, Rammanahalli Water Works, Kalasiddanahundi, Sathagalli, Bannur Ring Road and surrounding areas.

Rajivnagar Power Distribution Centre: Narayana Hrudayalaya, Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, Al Badar Masjid, Suryanarayana Temple, Christian Colony and surrounding areas.

Doora Power Distribution Centre: Doora, Talur, Murudagalli, Doddakatur, Chikkakatur, Sindhuvalli and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC.

Mysuru Zoo gets four new guests from Guwahati

Mysuru, Dec.16 (MTY&KS)- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as the Mysuru Zoo, which created a record of sorts by transporting 12-foot tall Giraffe named Jayachamaraja to Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden at Guwahati on road (3,200 kilometres), has received four new animals from Assam State Zoo, Guwahati, under the animal exchange programme.

The Assam State Zoo, after receiving Jayachamaraja on Dec.5, has given Mysuru Zoo **Bagori,** a five-year-old female Indian Rhino, a pair of Hoolock Gibbon named **Deepu and Munni,** aged eight and nine years and a female Black Leopard **Meena,** aged 2.5 years.

The new guests arrived at Mysuru Zoo on Dec.13.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said that all the new animals were healthy and have been kept under observation. The new animals will be released into their enclosures for public viewing after a week, he added.

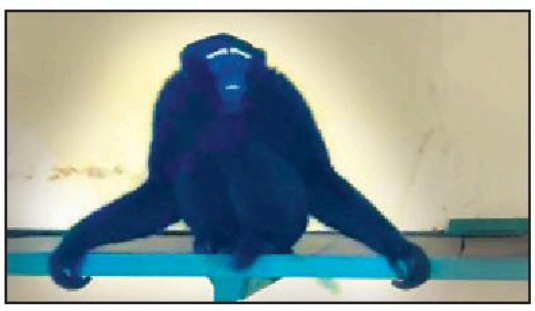
INDIAN RHINOCEROS

Indian Rhinoceros (Rhinoceros Unicornis), also called as Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros, is the largest of the three Asian Rhinoceroses. The Indian Rhinoceros weighs between 1,800 and 2,700 kgs and stands about 7 feet high and is about 11.5 feet long. The Indian Rhinoceros is more or less equivalent in size to the White Rhinoceros of Africa and is distinguishable from the Javan Rhinoceros by its greater size, the presence of a large horn, tubercles on its skin, and a different arrangement of skin folds.

Bagori, the five-year-old female Indian Rhino.

HOOLOCK GIBBON

The Hoolock Gibbon is tailless like all other apes. However, the species possesses a tuft of hair in the anogenital region. Males are black or blackish, with a white strip above their eyes which curves up at either end. The face of both sexes is black. In contrast to the males, adult females are lighter, usually ranging from buff and pale to various shades of tan with some brown, grey and yellowish coloration. The average height of a Hoolock Gibbon is 81.2 cms (32.0 inches). Females weigh around 6.1 kgs while males weigh around 6.9 kgs. They are native to eastern Bangladesh, North-East India and South-West China. Hoolocks are the second-largest of the Gibbons, after the Siamang.



Deepu and Munni, the eight and nine-year-old Hoolock Gibbons.

BLACK LEOPARD

Black Panther is the melanistic colour variant of any Panthera species. Black Panthers in Asia and Africa are called leopards and those in the Americas are Jaguars. Melanism in the Jaguar is conferred by a dominant allele and in the leopard (Panthera pardus) by a recessive allele. Close examination of the colour of these black cats will show that the typical markings are still present, but are hidden by the excess black pigment melanin, giving an effect similar to that of printed silk. This is called "ghost striping." Black leopards only differ from other leopards in the colour of their coat, a genetic variation that's recessive and known as "melanism." Black leopards are found more often in densely forested habitats. Most confirmed sightings come from Southeast Asia. The concentration of these is in the Malay Peninsula, where more than 90 percent of leopards are black.

Meena, the 2.5-year-old female Black Leopard.

Constable on pilgrimage to Sabarimala drowns in canal

Nanjangud, Dec.16 (KS)- A Police Constable, who was on a pilgrimage to Sabarimala, was drowned in a canal at Kalale village in the taluk.

The deceased is Chidanand (30), a Constable attached to Kadur Police Station in Chikamagalur district.

Chidanand and his friends were on their way to Sabarimala and reached the right bank canal on Sunday evening, where they ventured into the water for a bath.

Chidanand, who did not know to swim, was swept away due to water force and when others came out of the water, they found Chidanand missing and immediately informed the Police.

Dy.SP Prabhakar Shinde, Circle Inspector Rajashekar, Sub-Inspector Satish and staff rushed to the spot and summoned Fire and Emergency Services personnel and expert swimmers, who have launched a search operation to trace and fish out the body.

Miscreants assault people and snatch valuables in three separate cases on single night

Nanjangud, Dec.16 (KS)- In separate incidents, a group of miscreants, who waylaid people at different places, have assaulted them with lethal weapons besides snatching away their cash and gold ornaments in Nanjangud on Saturday night alone.

In the first incident, the miscreants stopped Chikkarangaiah and Mallesh, who were returning to Singaripura on bike after attending a marriage ceremony, at a turning on Devarasanahalli Road in Halladakeri Layout on the pretext of asking them for a matchbox.

Soon after Chikkarangaiah stopped the bike, the miscreants assaulted them and made away with Rs.10,000 cash and 15 grams gold chain, before fleeing from the spot.

In the second incident, the miscreants attacked one Shantharaju, who was on his way to Alambur Manti on By-pass Road, have snatched Rs.1,500 cash and his mobile phone.

In the third incident, the miscreants assaulted one Mallesh, who was returning to Immavu from Bannari Amman Sugar Factory near Mallupura in his tractor after transporting sugarcane and snatched away Rs.2,300 cash from him.

Dy.SP Prabhakar Shinde, Circle Inspector Rajashekar visited the spots.

Police, who have suspected the incidents to be the handiwork of the same group, have launched a hunt to nab the miscreants.

Unidentified person dies at hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (KS)- An unidentified person, who was found lying sick on Platform No.3 at City Railway Station on Dec.7 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has died at the hospital on Dec.13.

The deceased is aged about 85 years and has dots-like tattoos of both arms.

The Mysuru Railway Police, who have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, have asked the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release from the Police.

Group clash at Saligrama

Two more accused arrested

Saligrama, Dec.16 (KS)- The Police, who had arrested six persons in connection with a clash that broke out between two groups over a trivial issue at Saligrama in the taluk on Thursday (Dec.12), have arrested two more persons bringing the total number of arrests to eight.

The two accused, identified as Raju and Sanju, have been remanded to judicial custody.

Four Police teams have been formed to nab the remaining accused and the Police have collected the footages of CCTV cameras installed on main roads and circles besides collecting the video of the group clash that had gone viral on social media.

Saligrama has come back to normalcy with shops and other commercial establishments conducting business as usual.

As a precautionary measure, Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) battalion and District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police have been stationed at vantage points to prevent any untoward incident and the Police are conducting their regular beat in the town.

Where devotees offer clay dog idols to deity

Napoklu, Dec. 16 (Sadananda &BCT)- Have you heard of a Temple where figurines of dogs are offered as a vow *(harake)* to appease Gods? There is a unique Temple at the remote village of Bethu near Napoklu in Kodagu District where visitors are greeted with thousands of dog idols that look like they are howling.

The historical Makki Shasthavu Temple at Bethu draws thousands of devotees to its Jathra Mahotsava where the figurines of dogs are offered. It has been a practice for devotees to offer clay dogs to the deity in fulfilment of the vow they made. Devotees visit the Temple in large numbers and offer such clay dogs, during the annual fair of the Temple. This year, the fair is being held from Dec. 16 (today) to Dec. 19.

Centre for Truth: The Makki Shasthavu Temple is otherwise known as the "Centre for Truth" and every year, two fairs are held. While the first main fair is held during December, the second main fair is held during May. The Temple fair is marked by pomp in the region. The Temple is surrounded by thick forest and as the number of devotes is usually large, the entire campus of the Temple is filled with clay dogs.

On Dec. 16, clay dogs are offered as it is the day of *'Dhanu Sankramana.'* Devotees climb the steps to have a glimpse of the stone idol of the presiding deity, 'Shasthavu Devaru', placed on a pedestal under a jackfruit tree and characterised by the trident (trishula). The circular pedestal is five feet in height.

The clay dogs are offered to the deity during the festival in December, on the day of *'Dhanu Sankramana.'* The clay dogs, however, are prepared in the *'Vruschika Masa',* a month before the festival. The order can be placed by paying Rs. 350 for a pair of dogs. The fairs are celebrated with rituals like *Deeparadhane, Ajjappa Kola* and *Vishnumoorthy Kola*.

Secret transportation: Once the clay dog idols are prepared, the idols are transported to the Temple during wee hours and they are carried in such a way that no one sees the transportation process. First, the idols are taken to the *'Karpathachan Nade'* near the *'Bethu Mandh.'* Here, the idols are worshipped with flowers, kumkum and sandalwood paste. Later, they are carried and deposited inside the Makki Shasthavu Temple around the pedestal that has the tridents (trishulas).

Interestingly, so secretive is the movement of the clay dogs that villagers do not venture on that road before the idols are shifted. There is a strictly followed belief that no one must cross the way of the idols. As such, people desist from walking on that road during the festival season.

Rotis for dogs: There is a tradition of preparing rice rotis to be given as offerings to the clay dogs as *Naivedya*. Men from the families that take the vow of offering clay dogs prepare a fireplace near the Temple with stones and they collect firewood and deposit them near the fireplace. The women from the family stay overnight at a designated place near Temple and bathe in cold water early in the morning.

They later powder the rice to prepare rotis and bake them on the fireplace that their men had prepared. Once the rotis are baked they place them on plantain leaves all along the route through which the men transport the clay idols of dogs.

Why the vow?: The vow of offering a clay dog is taken to protect the dogs of households from external attacks. If the dogs in the house are safe, the properties owned by the families like land, crops and wealth too will be safe from thieves and other threats. This is the firm belief the villagers of surrounding areas have.

Of late, there is a scarcity of fine clay. Realising this, the Temple Management Committee said that the clay dogs meant for the offerings were brought to the Temple from Dharmasthala at a cost of Rs. 1.20 lakh two years ago. Clay idols submitted by devotees in the previous years are replaced during the Temple fair.

The legend of the Temple

There are several legends associated with the Makki Shasthavu Temple. Many years ago, at the Temple, there was a 'Thirula' (a man who is possessed with a divine spirit). This Thirula was once imprisoned for some reason. During one of the festivals, there was a loud sound of drum beats at the Temple and this Thirula, under divine possession, broke the shackles of the prison and came before the Temple pedestal. Under divine influence, the Thirula was able to break the prison shackles and also free himself from the handcuffs by vigorously shaking his hands before the Makki Shasthavu deity. Due to sheer force, a broken piece of the handcuff flew and got etched to the bark of the jackfruit tree *(see pic.)*. This metal piece can be seen even now. The clay used to prepare the idols is sourced from Balamuri village nearby. This has been the practice for the past 30 years. After preparing the idols, they have to be dried in shade. As per tradition, members belonging to 12 families of the village compulsorily bring 12 pairs of clay dogs and submit it at the Temple.

A Royal Wedding and a Birthday

- **Yaduveer Wadiyar's sister Jayathmika Lakshmi ties knot with Yuvraj Divyraj Singh of Sailana, Madhya Pradesh**
- **Little Aadyaveer showered with blessings on his second birthday**

Bride Kumari Jayathmika Lakshmi amidst rituals with parents Swaroop Anand Raj Urs and Tripurasundari Devi. Picture at the centre shows Jayathmika with her brother Yaduveer and sister-in-law Trishikha. Photo extreme right shows groom Yuvraj Divyraj Singh astride a horse at the wedding ceremony in city.

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (MTY&BCT)- Royalty always inspires and people lap up whatever is associated with royalty. Be it royal wedding or royal baby birthdays, the amount of literature about royalties and monarchies that has been produced from a historical perspective during modern times is indisputably enormous.

Those who follow the goings-on of monarchies usually find themselves with royalty news aplenty to pique their interest. Last week, Mysuru saw two major events associated with the Mysore royal family.

One event was the birthday of Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar, grandson of Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar (late) - Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and son of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar - Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar.

The other event was the wedding of Kumari Jayathmika Lakshmi, daughter of Swaroop Anand Raj Urs - Tripurasundari Devi couple with Yuvraj Divyraj Singh, son of Vikram Singh - Chandra Kumari Singh of Sailana royal family of Madhya Pradesh. Jayathmika Lakshmi is Yaduveer Wadiyar's biological sister.

'The Cooking Royalty'

The royal family of Sailana is a branch of the great Rathore house, cadets of the Royal House of Jodhpur. The State owes its origins to the Jagir created for Raja Jai Singhji, great-grandson of Ratan Singh of Ratlam, in 1716. He subsequently conquered or annexed territories in the region and established himself as an independent ruler in 1731.

Sailana was made the capital of Sailana State in 1736, a Princely State during the British Raj. It was later merged into Indian Union.

Interestingly, the royal family of Sailana is a family that has juggled the royal insignia and the ladle with equal ease — earning them a unique sobriquet of the 'The Cooking Royalty.'

For the members of the royal house, it is not just blue blood that runs through the family but a passion for cooking as well.

Birthday rituals

While the royal wedding took place at Lalitha Mahal Palace on Dec. 10 and 11, the birthday was celebrated at Mysore Palace yesterday.

Aadyaveer's second birthday rituals were performed by Palace Priests as per tradition and 'Nakshatra' yesterday but the baby's actual birthday was on Dec. 6.

The event was, however, limited to close relatives of the family. The rituals were supervised by Aadyaveer's grandmother Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Little Aadyaveer was made to sit on a decorated bed laid on the floor and was made to wear a garland. After performing the rituals, priests, parents and Aadyaveer's grandmother blessed the child.

The photos of the birthday rituals were shared by Yaduveer on his Facebook page with the following text:

"The Vardhanti of Sri Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar was celebrated at the Palace, Mysore, today. We pray to Goddess Chamundeshwari to bless him with good health, abundant happiness and prosperity."

Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar sitting on a decorated bed inside the Palace yesterday. Picture centre shows Pramoda Devi Wadiyar with her grandson during the rituals. Picture extreme right shows Aadyaveer with parents Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar.

Feb. 2020 is new deadline for Irwin Road completion

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The Wakf Board that manages the Masjid has told the MCC that it does not want the compensation money but the MCC should build similar dome structure and minarets and also provide land in some other area to compensate the land loss to the Jumma Masjid, said Geetha Udeda, Assistant Commissioner, MCC Zone 6.

This issue is being discussed at the government level and the process of demolition will be initiated after the government gives approval, she added. The demolition per-se is looked after by MCC Development Officer H. Nagaraj.

The MCC has fixed compensation at Rs. 13,072 per sqft, excluding the value of the building. For this, Rs. 37 crore has been earmarked. The process of registration of some of the targeted properties has been completed and the demolition work will begin, said Geeta.

Irwin Road comes under her jurisdiction. Only eight properties are contentious as some of the owners have approached the Court of Law against the demolition, she said. It is a 41.32 crore project and the money includes demolition costs and compensation costs, she added.

Irwin Road is one of the busiest roads and connects Sub-Urban Bus Stand to the City Railway Station. The 850-metre stretch of the road from Ayurvedic College Circle to Arch Gate on B.N. Road is to be widened either by 10 feet. Though the widening proposal was conceived four years ago, only a portion of the stretch — from Railway Station to Ayurvedic College Circle — has been widened.

More challenging for the MCC is the stretch from Ayurvedic College Circle to Nehru Circle which is around 650 metres in length and is both narrow and very commercially developed.

"Once developed, it will be a 60-feet (18 metres) road including footpath. The four-lane road will have a median on the middle and will have box drainage feature. The road will get a heritage character with traditional lamp posts," the Assistant Commissioner said.

Karanji Lake Fest: Mayor releases Zoo Annual Report

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The photo exhibition displayed the best photos of the Lake ecosystem that had won prizes in many photo expo contests organised by the Zoo.

A quiz programme was organised at Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) premises. Also, a drawing contest has been organised at RMNH and Mysore Zoo Amphitheatre premises where hundreds of children are taking part to give expression to their thoughts on nature.

The festival focuses on ideas to save the "dying" urban water bodies besides focusing on the success stories in lake conservation and the best practices adopted in lake management.

A team from Rangayana staged a street play on conserving trees. Children dressed as trees, fruits, parrots, lions, tigers and leopards performed attractive activities at the Lake bund.

Mentioning the role of Mysuru City Corporation in conserving the city lakes, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that the MCC played a critical role in not letting sewage water into the Lake. The Mayor also released Zoo Annual Report.

Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said that the Karanji Lake had been handed over to the Zoo in 2004 and since then, 48 lakh people had visited the Lake raking in Rs. 9 crore as income. Member Secretary of Zoo authority of Karnataka B.P. Ravi also spoke on lake conservation.

Tomorrow, there will be a bird watching and botanical walk at the Lake from 7 am. Scientists Dr. A.P. Tiwari and Dr. M.V. Vijay as well as Dr. Srinivas, D.H. Tanuja, Shailajesh, Sahana, Pranav and other resource persons will educate participants about the flora and fauna specific to the lake surroundings.

Later, Naturalist Prof. U.N. Ravikumar will speak about the significance of preserving and rejuvenating depleting water bodies.

Winter Fest: 3-day Cake Utsav at NR Choultry from Dec. 27

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (MTY&SD) - As part of the Winter Festival, District Administration in association with the Department of Food and Civil Supplies and Department of Tourism has organised a 3-day 'Cake Utsav' at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city from Dec. 27 to Dec. 29.

From the last two years, the district administration has been organising Cake Fest in the last week of December. Cake Utsav held at Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa had garnered a great response last year.

Noted cake-makers of the city will be putting more than 50 stalls at the venue in which variety of delicious and tempting cakes and other bakery products will be on display. All types of cakes will be available here under one roof to welcome the New Year with friends and family.

Loyal World creates cake replica of "Leaning Tower of Pisa"

Mysuru, Dec. 16- Loyal World Market always believes in challenging themselves and present to Mysuru the best when it comes to baking and art.

Keeping this tradition alive and to celebrate this joyous Xmas season, Loyal World Market has created a tall cake replica of "Leaning Tower of Pisa." This Bell Tower cake is part of the Cathedral of the Italian City of Pisa.

The tower cake is 9 feet tall from the ground, has 3.5 feet wide walls at the base and weighs a staggering 460 kg including sugar icing.

This piece of architectural marvel took the Loyal World team of 4 patissiers an exhaustive 170 man hours. The Chefs behind this creation are Jaishithlal, Head Chef, Jobith, Senior Chef, Ruban, Senior Chef and Judson, Assistant Chef.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath unveiled the Tower Cake at the Forum Mall in city at last evening in the presence of P. Moideeen, Chairman, Loyal World Group, M. Muhammed, Executive Director, Loyal World Group and K.V. Chethan, Chairman, Chamaraja Constituency Campaign as chief guests. This cake replica will now be on display at: GF-02, Forum Centre City Mall, Nazarbad till Jan. 1.

Another cake replica of the magnificent Mysore Palace too will be created soon and kept on display at Loyal World in VV Mohalla from Dec. 27 and the same will be distributed among the public on the New Year's Day. The Tower Cake, however, will not be distributed to people.

CII conference on Cyber Security

Mysuru,Dec.16 (RKB&DM)- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be organising its Annual IT/ITES Conference on 'Cyber Security and IoT: Destination Mysuru' in city on Dec.18.

Announcing this at a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, Conference Convenor Shankar Prasad said that Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also the IT-BT Minister, will inaugurate the conference at Hotel Country Inn on KRS road here at 10 am on Dec.18.

Pointing out that the conference is an initiative to create an enabling environment for Indian home grown businesses to develop and manufacture products and to find end-to-end solutions in Mysuru and also to attract large and small IT and ITES (Information Technology Enabled Services) to Mysuru, he said that the conference will urge the Government to allot 200 acres of land for setting up an IoT (Internet of Things) hub, with focus on making Mysuru a Cyber City.

Anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protest in city

City Police clamp ban orders

Police and forces drawn from City Armed Reserve camp at Town Hall this noon to prevent protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

Mysuru, Dec.16- With several organisations announcing that they will be staging a demonstration in protest against the Centre's Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) at Town Hall at 2 pm this afternoon (Dec.16), the City Police have invoked Section 35 of the Karnataka Police Act to impose Prohibitory Orders as a precautionary measure in 500 mts radius around the Town Hall, including Ashoka Road, Albert Victor Road, Mahaveer Circle and Gandhi Square that are in the vicinity, from 6 am to 12 midnight today. However Town Hall premises is exempted from the Prohibitory Orders.

As per the order, staging protests and stirs, taking out processions, bike rallies, holding meetings and public rallies etc., have been banned in this period.

Action will be taken as per law against any organisation or persons found violating the prohibitory order, according to a press release issued by City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna.

Meanwhile, Devaraja Police led by Inspector Prasanna Kumar and City Armed Reserve (CAR) Police have been deployed at Town Hall and Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to prevent the protests from taking place.

However, various organisations, who had called for a protest at 2 pm at the Town Hall had not come to the venue of the protest, when we went to the press.

Police said that legal action would be initiated against those who stage protests by violating the Prohibitory Orders.

Over 50,000 die annually due to snakebites in India

Two-day National Symposium on 'Challenges in Snakebite Management' begins at Mysore University

Priyanka Kadam, President and Founder of Snakebite Healing and Education Society (She-India.org), addressing the gathering at the National Symposium at Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore, this morning.

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (RKB&KS)- There are over 50,000 deaths and 1,40,000 disabilities annually due to snake bites in the country with most of the victims being rural folks and labourers, who are the breadwinners of their families.

This was revealed to the gathering during the screening of the short film on snake bites at the two-day National Symposium on 'Challenges in Snakebite Management,' which began at Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore this morning.

The Symposium, organised by the Department of Studies in Biochemistry and Department of Studies in Molecular Biology, University of Mysore was inaugurated by Varsity VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar with Dr. Joseph K. Joseph, Nephrologist at Little Flower Hospital at Angamali in Kerala as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Joseph said that time is the worst enemy of snake bite victims and urged the gathering to shift the snake bite victim to the hospital without wasting time.

Continuing, he said that as prevention is better than cure, the surroundings of dwellings has to be kept clean so that snakes do not take shelter in coconut shell heap and other unused items stored in heaps.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar, who also spoke, said that the Department of Biochemistry has been carrying out research on snake venom pharmacology since 1980 and added that the research contributions made by the University of Mysore are widely acknowledged by scientific community both in the country and abroad.

He further said that the Symposium is providing a platform to researchers and doctors to deliberate the challenges involved in the management of snakebite complications.

The two-day symposium will see topics such as The epidemiology of snakebite incidents in India; The distribution of venomous snakes in India; Snakebite treatment and challenges; The drawbacks of anti-venom therapy, Development of better anti-venom; Diagnosis of bitten venomous snake species; Alternate therapies complementing anti-venom etc., being discussed.

The valedictory will be held tomorrow at 4.30 pm.

Organising Secretary Dr. B.S. Vishwanath, Professor, Dept. Of Studies in Biochemistry, Convenor Dr. K. Kemparaju, Professor, Dept. Of Studies in Biochemistry, University of Mysore, Dr. R. Manjunatha Kini of National University of Singapore, Dr. Manoj Kumar Bhat, Director of National Centre for Cell Science, Pune, Varsity Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, representatives of companies manufacturing anti-venoms and others were present.

Budget session at Belagavi?

Bengaluru, Dec.16 (KMS& DM)- Buoyed by the BJP's resounding victory in three assembly segments of Belagavi district for which by-polls were held recently, Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa is said to be in favour of holding the Budget Session at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi.

In order to offset the cancellation of the winter session due to floods, Yediyurappa has shown interest in holding the Budget session at Belagavi.

Before batting for Belagavi, the CM is said to have sought the advice of senior party leaders who too favoured holding of the session at Belagavi, it is learnt.

105-year-old Veeranna Aradhya passes away

Veeranna Aradhya

Mysuru, Dec. 16 - Veeranna Aradhya (105), a resident of Thyagaraja Road, 5th cross, near Agrahara, passed away in the wee hours of today.

He leaves behind four children- Manjunath Aradhya, Ashok Aradhya, Nagabushan Aradhya and Gayatri Aradhya, daughters- in- law, son-in-law, grand children, great grandchildren and a host of relatives.

The last rites will be performed at Veerashaiva Burial Ground in Vidyaranyapuram today.

Obituary

T.M. Rajamma

Mysuru, Dec. 16- T.M. Rajamma (84), wife of G.M. Puttamadappa, TCH retired supervisor and a resident of 3rd Cross, Uttaradi Mutt Road in Khille Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, son T. Nagendra Kumar, daughters T. Rajeshwari, T. Manjula and T. Kathyayini, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this evening, according to family sources.

Gangamma

Nanjangud: Gangamma (86), wife of late Siddappagowda, a senior BJP leader and a resident of Vokkalageri, passed away at her residence yesterday.

She leaves behind two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds near Parashuramagudi yesterday, according to sources.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Decorating for Good Energy

The décor, design and layout of our office or home have a great influence on our quality of life, prosperity and financial success. If our work or living environments is in harmony with nature, it mitigates our day to day problems, aids our growth and fills our life with abundance.

Everything in nature has shape and everything has energy, the science of understanding the relationship between shape and energy is known as Bio-Geometry.

Bio-Geometry is a design language through which you can design anything, and use it in any activity in your life and in turn, adapt shapes which bring balance into the energy fields and the immediate surroundings.

It could be a home or office or any space, the improper flow of energy influences the thought process and the quality of life and work of the individuals in that space. Hence, aligning ourselves with supporting energy and countering negative zones is the key to a Vastu or Feng Shui analysis of a space.

Activating the energy or correcting the space also calls for a proper process which includes choosing the time with good energy or normally referred to as "good time." Everything in the universe is based on time. What we do in a specific time culminates into a specific result and hence, timing plays a crucial role in all our activities.

It could be ground-breaking for a new building construction, wedding, purchasing property, buying a vehicle, starting a new business venture or even communicating to someone, the time we choose to carry out such activities does have a strong influence on the outcome.

The movement of the Sun produces different qualities of energy on its path from east to west and can influence our daily life and in addition to this, the five elements which is associated with the compass direction has an influence on our activities, be it regular lifestyle or business.

Feng Shui uses formulae, which determine the rising and falling energy in a given span of an individual or a house. The philosophy of Feng Shui is embraced by people who are aware of the impact their surroundings have on them and feel the need to take action to improve their lives. Using Feng Shui correctly is a skill and its principles cannot be adapted simply to suit the circumstances of a place or an individual.

As with all Feng Shui elements that we are exploring in good Feng Shui decorating of a home or office, start by asking yourself how does the energy of earth feel to you and how can you best express it in your space. Some of the best examples of bringing the energy of earth element are colour crystals and stones, pottery, as well as images of earthy landscapes.

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IGU 119th Amateur Golf Championship of India 2019

Aryan Roopa Anand clinches title

First golfer in its 119-year history to win both strokeplay segment and matchplay title

Mysuru, Dec.16- Mysuru lad Aryan Roopa Anand, who is in full form, has won the prestigious 119th All-India Amateur Matchplay Golf Championship title at the Eagleton Golf Resort in Bengaluru yesterday.

Aryan, who will turn 18 next week, edged out Rajasthan's Prakhar Asawa in a thriller. Aryan won the 36-hole finale 1-up.

Despite suffering some mid-match blues, Aryan came good when it mattered the most in the game to defeat Prakhar Asawa.

Earlier, Aryan Roopa Anand had also clinched the strokeplay title with a two-day aggregate score of aggregate score of 135 (67+68).

Seventeen-year-old Aryan, who had a breakthrough win on the amateur circuit last month, created history en route to the All-India crown. He became the first golfer in its 119-year history to win both the strokeplay segment and the matchplay title.

"It feels great to win the prestigious crown, it's yet to sink in," said an elated Aryan. "And to become the first golfer to win both the strokeplay and matchplay is an icing on the cake."

Aryan was off the blocks in fine fashion, going 3-up after the first three holes, the second with a fine birdie. However, two bogeys on the fifth and sixth allowed Asawa to get back into the contest. Following a birdie on the seventh hole, Aryan took the turn with a 2-0 cushion.

Mysuru lad Aryan Roopa Anand (JWGC) seen with the IGU 199th Amateur Golf Championship of India 2019, winner's trophy.

That dwindled to 1-up after the first 18 holes as he bogeyed the 11th hole. Another bogey on 20th hole saw the two all-square. With the match poised on a knife's edge, Asawa pulled away with birdies on the 22nd and 24th holes to take a 2-up lead and put pressure on Aryan.

Aryan didn't let the pressure get to him and responded in brilliant fashion by winning four straight holes, including three straight birdies on the 25th (18-footer), 26th (12-footer) and 27th holes. He won the 28th on a par to go 2-up. Aryan bogeyed the 29th (the 11th hole) for the second time in the day, but was unlucky to miss three straight birdies. Asawa, whose heart skipped a few beats on that stretch, then came up with a clutch 12-foot birdie putt on the 16th to make it all-square.

Aryan, however, sealed it by nailing the pin with a brilliant 8-iorn tee shot on the 35th hole. He duly sank the three-footer to go ahead 1-up. Aryan, in the middle of a brilliant run, then halved the final hole to lay his hands on the coveted trophy.

Aryan is the son of Roopa and Anand, residents of Dattagalli in Mysuru.

ICC RCGC Open Golf Championship 2019

Sri Lankan Mithun Perera triumphs

Mysuru's Yashas Chandra finishes tenth

Kolkata, Dec.16- Sri Lankan Mithun Perera put up a resilient display to come through in a thriller in the final round and lift the trophy at the inaugural ICC RCGC Open Golf Championship Powered by Bharat Benz, a TATA Steel PGTI event, played at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club (RCGC) yesterday.

Perera, who lifted his seventh title on Sunday, carded an eventful but resolute even-par-72 in the last round to emerge winner by one stroke at eight-under-280 at the Rs.40 lakh event. Mithun's prize money cheque of Rs.6,46,600 catapulted him from 26th to 14th position in the TATA Steel PGTI Order of Merit.

Lucknow's Sanjeev Kumar, who was the leader by three shots at one stage on Sunday and thus staring at his maiden title, had to settle for second place after a 71 saw him total seven-under-281 for the week.

Mumbai's Anil Bajrang Mane (71) and Delhi's Shamim Khan (71) took joint third place at four-under-284.

Mysuru lad M.S. Yashas Chandra with a four-under-68 score on the final day and with a four-day aggregate card of one-under 287 (75+73+71+68) finished a tied tenth.

Another Mysuru lad I.L. Aalaap finished 44th in the final placing with a four-day aggregate card of 15-over-303.

Mithun Perera

Yashas Chandra

Over 200 pedallers take part in Inter-School Championship

Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama wins title

Participants of Inter-School Cycling Championship-2019 held at R.T. Nagar Layout near Ring Road, pedalling their way to victory. Picture right shows Vibhin Bellur (2nd), Niranjan Devarajan (1st) and Aryan Moturi (3rd), who won prizes in the U-10 Boys category, on the victory stand during the prize distribution ceremony.

Mysuru, Dec.16- In order to encourage children and adults of Mysuru to explore the beautiful routes of the city, while also raising awareness to keep the city clean and healthy, Mysuru Cycling Club had organised an Inter-School Cycling Championship-2019, in association with Mysuru Cycling Club and Cyclopedia, in city yesterday.

The event, held at R.T. Nagar Layout near Ring Road, attracted over 200 riders from 23 schools of Mysuru district, of which Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama won the title with leading 54 points in the entire Championship.

The event also saw the participation of riders from Coimbatore, Bengaluru and Chennai.

The event was flagged off by Mysuru District Cycling Association President Arun Patil, who is also an International Gymnastics Coach and Former Director of Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Vidya Vikas Educational Trust Secretary Kavish Gowda distributed prizes to the winners of the Championship that was held in U-8 years, U-10 years, U-12 years, U-14 years and U-16 years categories for both boys and girls.

RESULTS

Boys

U-8 – Boys: 1. Nandan Das, Chrysalis High School; 2. M. Dhanvin, St. Joseph Central School; 3. Kuvam R. Keerthi, De Paul International Residential School.

U-10 — Boys: 1. Niranjan Devarajan, Samskaara Academy, Coimbatore; 2. Vibhin Bellur, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama; 3. Aryan Moturi, Capitol Public School; **Girls:** 1. Nithila Das, Chrysalis High School; 2. Suhasini Girish, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama; 3. Purvika Anand, Mysore Public School.

U-12 — Boys: 1. Dhanush Prasanth, Notre Dame Academy, Bengaluru; 2. C. Ruchir, Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School; 3. P. Nanda Kishore, RKV CBSE Higher Secondary School, Kuniyamuthur; **Girls:** 1. Inchana Mohan, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama; 2. Ahana Kiran, Pramati Hillview Academy; 3. Nidhi Jain, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama.

U-14 — Boys: 1. Savion Sabu, Euro School Bangalore North Campus; 2. K.T. Vishakh, St. Joseph Central School; 3. Suhas Suhas, St. Joseph Central School; **Girls:** 1. Savannah Sabu, Euro North School; 2. Greeshmaa, Excel Public School.

U-16 — Boys: 1. Mithil, JSS Public School; R. Shauraya, Home School; 3. N. Akshath Acharya, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama; **Girls:** 1. Mokshatha, Sharadha Public School; 2. Inchana Mohan, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama; 3. Suhasini Girish, Manasasarowar Pushkarni Vidyashrama.

Winners of MDCA U-18 Open Chess Tourney

Mysuru, Dec.16- Mysuru girl Prasiddhi Bhat with 7 points from 7 rounds, clinched the title in the Mysore District Chess Association (MDCA) Open U-18 Chess Tournament 2019, held at the University Lions Hall premises here yesterday.

Abhinayak (6), M.G. Prameeth (6) and M.N. Eshanvi (5) secured second, third and fourth places respectively.

Prizes to the winners were given away by M.P. Ajith, Krishnamurthy and Shivarame Gowda (Hon. Secretary, MDCA).

FINAL PLACINGS

U-18 Open: 1. Prasiddhi Bhat (7), 2. Abhinayak (6-30.5), 3. M.G. Prameeth (6-30), 4. M.N. Eshanvi (5-28), 5. N. Venkatesh Babu (5-26.5), 6. Dhatri Umesh (5-25), 7. Siddanth P. Vasisht (5-24.5), 8. B.G. Amogh (5-24), 9. Pritam S. Rao (5-23.5), 10. M.H. Akash (5-23).

Winners in different categories of the MDCA U-18 Open Chess Tournament 2019 held at the University Lions Hall in city yesterday.

Boys — U-18: 1. Abhinayak, 2. N. Venkatesh Babu, 3. Jitendra Kashyap; **U-15:** 1. M.G. Prameeth, 2. Siddanth P. Vasisht, 3. B.G. Amogh; **U-12:** 1. Prittam S. Rao, 2. N.C. Gambhir, 3. B. Nimish Raj; **U-9:** 1. Nivaan Raghavendra, 2. R. Hruthvick, 3. P. Chanakya; **U-7:** 1. Saathvik Vishwanath, 2. Vivaan Gupta, 3. A. Hari Kishan; **Youngest Boy:** M. Shashwath.

Girls — U-18: 1. Sahana Gobbur, 2. U.S. Srilakshmi; **U-15:** 1. Prasiddhi Bhat, 2. Sanjan G. Rao, 3. S. Mamitha; **U-12:** 1. M.N. Eshanvi, 2. Dhatri Umesh, 3. Srujana G. Rao; **U-9:** 1. L. Vaishnavi, 2. K. Deeksha, 3. S. Janavi; **U-7:** 1. Diya Umesh, 2. Dhriti Gupta, 3. M. Yadarsha; **Youngest Girl:** Rutvi Gupta.

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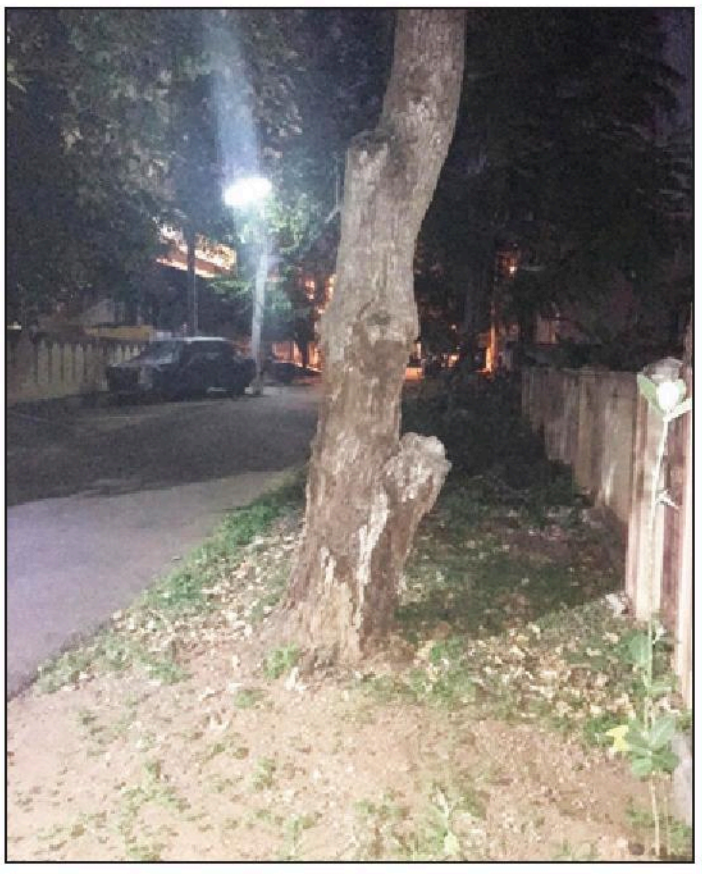
Damaged drain cover posing danger on Akbar Road Cross

A portion of the concrete covering of a drain is broken exposing the iron rods which is posing danger to motorists as well as pedestrians on Akbar Road cross near MGB Jewellers. Also, foul smell is emanating from the drain causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents in the surroundings. The residents and shopkeepers have urged the authorities concerned to repair the drain covering at the earliest.

Plea to remove weak tree at Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block



A tree with its bark getting sloughed off naturally has rendered the tree weak which may fall on the house on 2nd Main Road in Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block and cause extensive damage to the house and also to the lives of the people. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the tree removed at the earliest.

St. Joseph's School (CBSE) emerges Champions in Carol Singing

Mysuru, Dec.16- St. Joseph's School (CBSE), Jayalakshmipuram, emerged as the Champions of the Year-2019 in the Carol Singing Competition organised by Carmel Catholic Association (CCA), N.R. Mohalla, at Teresian College in Siddarthanagar here recently.

RESULTS

Group-1 (Kindergarten) -Winner: Christ Public School, Bogadi; 1st Runner-up: Good Shepherd Nursery School; 2nd Runner-up: St. Joseph's School CBSE, Jayalakshmipuram.

Group-2 (Class 1 to 4) - Winner: NPS International School; 1st Runner-up: Christ Public School, Bogadi; 2nd Runner-up: St. Arnold's Central School.

Group-3 (Class 5 to 7 - English) - Winner: Christ Public School, Bogadi; 1st Runner-up: St. Joseph's School CBSE, Jayalakshmipuram; 2nd Runner-up: Flos Carmeli Convent ICSE School.

Group-4 (Class 5 to 7 - Kannada & Regional Languages) - Winner: St. Joseph's School CBSE, Jayalakshmipuram; 1st Runner-up: St. Joseph's Central School, Yelwal; 2nd Runner-up: De Paul Public School, Sathagalli.

Group-5 (Class 8 to 10 - English) - Winner: St. Joseph's Central School, Yelwal; 1st Runner-up: Flos Carmeli Convent ICSE School; 2nd Runner-up: St. Joseph's School CBSE, Jayalakshmipuram.

Group-6 (Class 8 to 10 - Kannada/ Regional Languages) - Winner: St. Arnold's Central School; 1st Runner-up: St. Joseph's School CBSE, Jayalakshmipuram; 2nd Runner-up: St. Mary's School, T. Narasipur.

Group-7 (PU Colleges - English/ Kannada / Other Languages) - Winner: St. Philomena's PU College, Bannimantap; 1st Runner-up: St. Philomena's PU College, Bannimantap (Kannada); 2nd Runner-up: St. Joseph's PU College, Jayalakshmipuram.

Group-8 (UG/ PG/ Religious Institutions - English) - Winner: Christ College, Srirampura; 1st Runner-up: Pushpashrama, Mysuru; 2nd Runner-up: St. Philomena's Degree College, Bannimantap.

Group-9 (UG/ PG/ Religious Institutions - Kannada/ Regional Languages) - Winner: St. Philomena's Degree College, Bannimantap; 1st Runner-up: Kripalaya, Bogadi; 2nd Runner-up: Pushpashrama.

Group-10 (Churches/ Parishes - English) - Winner: St. Joseph's Cathedral, Mysuru; 1st Runner-up: CSI St. Bartholomew's Church; 2nd Runner-up: St. Joseph's Church, Jayalakshmipuram.

Group-11 (Churches/ Parishes - Kannada/ Other Regional Languages) - Winner: St. Teresa's Church, Rajivnagar; 1st Runner-up: Our Lady Of The Poor Church, Bannimantap; 2nd Runner-up: St. Antony's Church, Gayathripuram.

Group-12 (Professionals) - Winner: St. Matthia's School, Bannimantap; 1st Runner-up: St.Joseph's School CBSE, Jayalakshmipuram; 2nd Runner-up: St. Joseph's School, Rajivnagar.

Book on history of Ashokapuram released

Mysuru, Dec.16 (YDS&US)- "Those who boast that theirs is an *Ahimsa Dharma* have to reply as to why deities are portrayed with arms in their hands. How come an armed person become a deity?," questioned writer Prof. K.S. Bhagawan.

He was speaking after releasing the book *'Mysuru Samsthanada Adikarnataka Pura'* at a programme organised by Ashokapuram Abhimani Balaga, Dalit Welfare Trust and other organisations at the burial ground in Vishweshwaranagar here recently.

Prof. Bhagawan observed that every deity has an arm in hand — be it a bow, an arrow or a sword and literally none without a weapon. He said that armed deities are being worshipped unawarely. Recalling that the ultimate God Shiva lived in a cemetery which should be treated as a holy and auspicious place, he said that many people in rural areas worship Lord Shiva.

Continuing, Prof. Bhagawan said that the book authored by Siddaswamy is a rare book throwing light on the history and background of Ashokapuram. He opined that the book is a guide for other writers to come out with a detailed historical narration of each extension in city.

Retired Professor P.V. Nanjaraj Urs, Dalit Welfare Trust's Shantharaj, former Mayor Purushotham, Writer Bannur K. Raju, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Corporators Ashwini Sharath, Pallavi, Bhuvaneshwari and others were present.

'Athithya Ratna' and 'Udyama Ratna' title conferred on 12 hoteliers

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (YDS&SD)- Karnataka State Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association, Bengaluru and Mysore Hotel Owners' Association conferred *Athithya Ratna* award on nine achievers and *Udyama Ratna* award on three achievers at a function held yesterday in Asha Prakash Shetty Bunts Bhavan, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage in city.

Nine hoteliers including city's Dasaprakash Hotel owner K. Ramavittal Das and Gokulam's Mukund Iyengar Bakery owner Murali Rangaswamy as well as K.K. Bhaskar of Kodagu, N. Sriramarao of Chikkaballapur, Kalmane Trivikrama Acharya of Ballari, Madhava Govind Nayaka of Bagalkot, Haridas Shetty of Hubballi, B. Seetharama Shetty and B.S. Manjunath of Bengaluru were felicitated and conferred with annual *Athithya Ratna* Award.

L.R. Kamath and Shylendra Sharma of Bengaluru and Ramamohan Naik of Belagavi were felicitated and conferred with *Udyama Ratna* award.

Speaking on the occasion, President of KPHRA B. Chandrashekhar Hebbar lauded the efforts of those involved in hotel industry for providing food for the hungry. Teerthahalli Bheemasethu Mutt Seer Raghuvarendra Teertha Swamiji graced the occasion. Earlier, awardees were brought in a procession from Vijayanagar's Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple to the venue. Chande and Yakshagana troupes and other folk groups also participated in the procession and enthralled the onlookers.

MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, actor Gurunandan, Association Hon. President K. Prakash Shetty, Hon. Secretary Madhukar M. Shetty, Association President C. Narayanagowda, Hon. Secretary A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Association State Vice-President Ravishastri and others were present. Later, Raghuleela Sangeet Mandir artists presented a dance drama 'Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Vaibhava'.

Grand 'Vishnu Deepotsava' held at Melukote Temple

Dhanurmasa puja begins

Mandya, Dec.16 (Nagaiah&US)- 'Vishnu Deepothsava' was held on a grand scale at Sri Cheluvarayaswamy Temple in Melukote last night.

After the *Deepothsava*, chanting of Vedas was held in front of *Raja Gopura*. *Aarathi* was performed and a lamp was lit atop the *Garuda Kambha*.

A *Karuga* made by dipping a cloth in oil was burnt in front of the *Raja Gopura* and the soot formed was offered as *Prasada* to hundreds of devotees.

Mantapa Vahanothsava was taken out through the main roads of the town. Lit clay lamps were lined up at all the important locations at the temple premises After 20 days other *utsavas* would commence beginning with *Kotarothsava*.

Dhanurmasa puja begins: *Dhanuramasa* puja commenced today at 4.30 am at the temple and went on till 7.30 am featuring *Sahasranama*, *Parayana* and other rituals.

The puja rituals will continue in the mornings till the commencement of *Kotarothsava* and continue further in the afternoons till Sankranthi. As usual, *darshan* for the public will be continued at the temple even after 9.30 am, according to Temple Executive Officer Nanjegowda.

Action plan ready for better pass percentage in SSLC

Mysore All India Radio Phone-In programme from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 16 (SBD) - In an effort to improve pass percentage of SSLC students of Mysuru district in the next academic year, officials in the Department of Public Instruction have prepared several comprehensive action plans in this regard.

In the year 2018-19, Mysuru district had dropped to 17th place in the district-wise pass percentage ranking. The administration is making all efforts to reach top-10 position in the academic year 2019-20 and has designed a comprehensive 20-point programme including a number of initiatives such as 'All India Radio Phone-In.' Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) has instructed the school teachers to make necessary preparations for the same.

Starting from Dec. 17 to Feb. 1, All India Radio Mysore is telecasting an 'Exam Preparation Programme' every week on Tuesdays from 11 am to 12 pm in which two teachers will be conducting a Phone-In programme and will be discussing one academic subject every week. Any SSLC student from the district can participate in the direct question-answer session and clear their doubts. Students can directly call and get answers for any exam related queries such as how to prepare for tough subjects, exam preparation and new syllabus.

On Dec. 17, Zilla Panchayat CEO K. Jyothi, DDPI Dr. Panduranga, Education Dept. Officer Rajashekhar, DIET Principal K. Mahadevappa and Reader of Shikshaka Shikshana Mahavidyalaya Manjula will be conducting a Phone-In programme.

Teachers will be conducting Phone-In programme about first language Kannada on Dec. 24, second language English on Dec. 31, Hindi on January 7, 2020, Maths on Jan. 14, Science on Jan. 21 and Social Studies on Jan. 28.

On Feb. 4, psychologists will be giving guidance and advice to students and answering their queries. All students and teachers have already been instructed by the administration to prepare for this Phone-In programme. For details, call 0821-2515089 / 2512582.

Teachers have also been instructed to make use of Android phones and desktop computers to teach difficult subjects and to make use pictures to elucidate and enhance learning. School head masters have also been instructed to make a note of students having difficulty in learning and take necessary measures such as speaking to their wards and provide supportive counselling.

WORD OF THE DAY

Usageaster

Pronunciation: yoo-sij-as-ter.
Meaning: Self-styled authority on language usage.

Origin: A true expert on language usage will know that using usageaster "a self-styled authority on language usage" is not meant kindly. For instance: "The reader was no more than a usageaster; he insisted on corrections that were merely a matter of style, not grammar." Usageaster is composed of usage and the -aster, which is a "diminutive or pejorative suffix denoting something that imperfectly resembles or mimics the true thing." This suffix, derived from Latin, can also be found in such words as poetaster "an inferior poet" and criticaster "incompetent critic."
Example: We can help such people overcome their insecurity by making a clear distinction between usageasters and usage experts.— Thomas L. Clark.

THE ODD WORD

Ubication

Condition of being in a certain location.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown

Meaning: The expression 'uneasy lies the head that wears a crown' means that a person with great power, such as a king, is constantly apprehensive.

Origin: 'Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown' comes from Shakespeare's Henry IV. Part II, 1597.
KING HENRY IV:
And in the visitation of the winds,
Who take the ruffian billows by the top,
Curling their monstrous heads and hanging them
With deafening clamour in the slippery clouds,
That, with the hurly, death itself awakes?
Canst thou, O partial sleep, give thy repose
To the wet sea-boy in an hour so rude,
And in the calmest and most stillest night,
With all appliances and means to boot,
Deny it to a king? Then happy low, lie down!
Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.
In this piece Henry is bemoaning his position as king in that he, unlike even the most humble cabin-boy, cannot find a moments peace and repose.

QUOTE BOX

If there be no enemy there's no fight. If no fight, no victory and if no victory there is no crown. **— Thomas Carlyle**

RIDDLE THIS

Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?

Answer :The number 8. On its side, it looks like the symbol for infinity and when you cut it in half, it looks like two zeroes.

SUDOKU

	2				1	8		6
5		8				7		
1			8		3			
4					6			
		1				9		
			2					5
			5		4			2
		2				4		7
9		3	7				6	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	6	7	9	4	3	1	2	8
2	1	9	5	7	8	3	6	4
4	3	8	1	6	2	5	9	7
3	4	1	8	5	6	2	7	9
7	2	5	4	3	9	6	8	1
8	9	6	2	1	7	4	3	5
9	7	4	6	2	1	8	5	3
1	8	2	3	9	5	7	4	6
6	5	3	7	8	4	9	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Capital of W Samoa
5 Dress worn in India
9 Value or valency in short?
12 Stinging remark
13 In short, it may be written or oral?
14 Unnecessary activity or commotion
15 Coffin stand
16 Pretentious or empty language
18 In moderately slow time
20 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
21 ___ Highness: title for the king?
22 Bread ___ : man who earns money to feed his family?
25 Recovery prog.
28 Golfer's standard
29 "Yea" anagram meaning yes?
30 Fill overfull
31 A small barrel
32 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
33 Memory, in short
34 Mining hole
35 Stick-up at a gun point?
36 Frodo's companion in Lord Of The Rings
38 Israel's __ Aviv
39 Fish that has no visible scales
40 Cradlesong
44 Light mineral oil
47 Famous cookie
48 English suffix or French island
49 Republic of Ireland
50 On the ___ : flying?
51 Primary Flight Display
52 Marsh plant
53 Abolished Indian custom

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	T	S	■	U	N	I	■	C	P	A	S
B	R	O	K	E	N	I	N	■	R	A	T	E
B	I	R	E	T	T	A	S	■	O	W	E	N
■	■	■	W	O	O	■	P	A	W	N	E	D
O	F	T	E	N	■	V	E	L	D	■	■	■
R	O	A	D	■	P	I	C	A	S	S	O	■
E	N	T	■	W	R	O	T	E	■	A	A	S
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R	E	T	I	N	A	■	S	E	E	■	■	■
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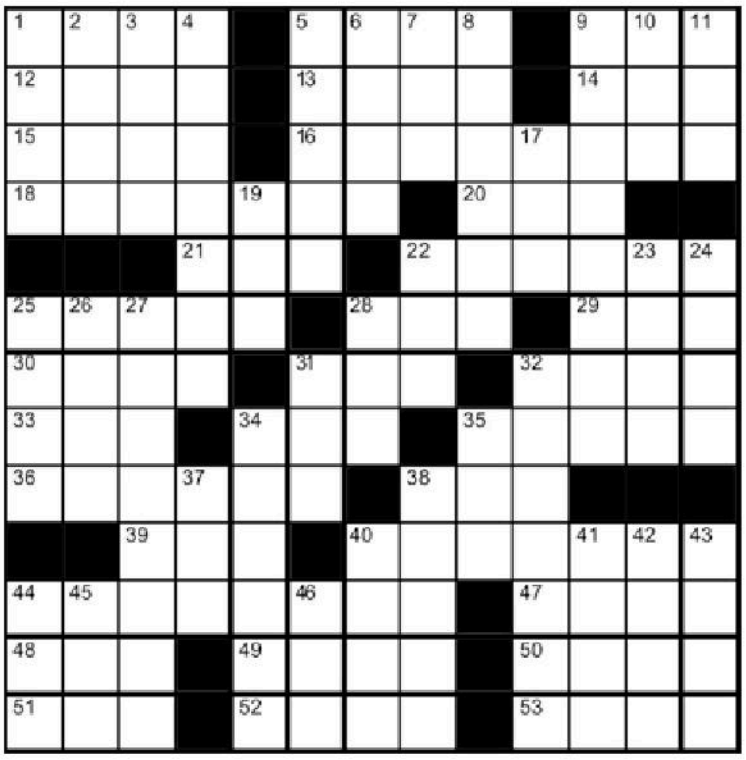
T	O	E	S	■	K	N	I	T	T	I	N	G
I	S	N	T	■	A	D	R	■	S	I	N	G

DOWN
1 Mama Mia - singing group
2 Acute discomfort
3 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
4 _____ Lincoln : American President?
5 Cults, factions or tribes
6 Wheel's revolving shaft
7 Regional Airline Assoc.
8 Damage or weaken
9 Holy place for majority of Indians
10 Girl's name
11 Cut
17 Weighs a ___ : is very heavy?
19 The part of the pen used in actual writing
22 Tongues ___ : there is talk?
23 Organs of sight
24 The ___ of India : Irani Trophy contenders?
25 Royal Can. Mount. Police
26 Able was I, ___ saw Elba? (3,1)
27 Hindered, stopped movements of
28 Domesticated animal kept for pleasure
31 Near of ___ : closely related?
32 Roars, shouts or bawls
34 Indulge in petty theft
35 Norse goddess
37 Pulse vegetable
38 Used forks to adjust the piano
40 Former Italian coin
41 Musical solo
42 Inclination or bias
43 A sadhu or a sanyasi, in a way?
44 A small seed of an apple or an orange
45 Pet name for Alfred
46 Giant's curse



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UJQU ZJMHJ MO SCSBVFLGV'O FKOMWSOO

MO WLFLGV'O FKOMWSOO.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The best way to live is by not knowing what will happen to you at the end of the day.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Odeya	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kalidasa Kannada Meshtru	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Damayanthi	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Bramhachari	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Pati Patni Aur Woh	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
The Body	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Bigil	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Asuran	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Venky Mama	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Mardaani -2 (H)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 1.30 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-1)	3.40 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.20 pm
Kaalidas (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Mamangam (Ma)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
Kalidasa Kannada Meshtru (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
The Body (H)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	(S-3)	7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 4.35 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.50 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
		4.05 pm, 6.50, 9.40 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	12.05 pm, 6.35 pm
Mardaani -2 (H)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am, 2.25 pm
		5.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	(S-3)	12.10 pm
The Body (H)	(S-4)	9.50 am
	(S-3)	7.35 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Mamangam (Ma)	(S-4)	3.25 pm

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Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	8 am, 10.45 am, 1.30 pm
	7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Odeya (K)	8.40 am, 12 noon, 3.20 pm
	6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Mardaani 2 (H)	8.50 am, 11.45 am, 2.25 pm
	4.50 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.40 pm
The Body (H)	9.20 am, 2.10 pm, 7.25 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	11.20 am, 4.15 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	4.35 pm
Mamangam (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Spot Installation Contest Winners

1st prize: 'Plastic Ghost' by Ravi Nayaka.

Mysuru, Dec.16 (KS)- The On-the-Spot Installation Competition, organised by the Dasara Fine Arts and Handicrafts Sub-Committee outside Kannada Karanji building in Dasara Exhibition premises on Dec.8, saw artists from across the State creating various spot installation arts highlighting various issues.

The art works were judged by a panel of judges comprising artists Ramesh and Manjunath from Mysuru and Abhilash from Mandya. The winners and their art works are as follows:

Ravi Nayaka of Raichur bagged the first prize for his art titled 'Plastic Ghost,' second prize was bagged by Y. Chethan Kumar of CAVA for his art work titled 'Value of Life' and the third prize was bagged by Ramesh of Mysuru for his art titled 'Female Foeticide.'

Two consolation prizes were given to K.S. Subash of CAVA for his art titled 'Burst of Life' and S. Madhusudhan of Chamarajanagar for his art titled 'Superstition.'

The art works will be kept on display at the Kannada Karanji building in Dasara Exhibition grounds till Dec.27.

2nd: 'Value of Life' by Y. Chethan Kumar.

3rd: 'Female Foeticide' by Ramesh.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 16)

Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre: MyBuild-2019, an exhibition of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

St. Thomas Institutions, Vishweshwaranagar: 56th Annual Day celebrations, DDPI (Admin) Dr. Panduranga chief guest, St. Thomas Institutions Manager Rev. Prakash Abraham presides, Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kadamba Ranga Vedike, Mysuru: Ranga Sanje - 'Vrutti Rangabhoomiya Druvatare Malavalli Sundaramma - Ranga Baduku,' writer Dr. Nandakumaraswamy inaugurates, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekara Kadamba delivers keynote address, Kannada Sahitya Parishat auditorium, Vijayanagar, **5 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Sri DVS Acharya Memorial Concert — Hindustani Classical Vocal by Pandith Raghunandan Bhat, accompanied by Pt. Bhimashankar on tabla and Pt. Sriram Bhat on harmonium, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, Dasarapada by G.S. Swayamprabha and troupe, **5 pm;** 'Katha Kalakshepa' by Bilikere B.S. Gangadhara Achar and troupe, Temple premises, **6.45 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Rotary Southeast Mysore: Diseases Free Week, Dr. Leelavathy Srinivas, former Director, Adichunchanagiri Biotech & Cancer Institute, speaks on 'Turmeric in prevention of diseases,' Rotary Hall, Southeast, Pampapathi Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 17)

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Karnataka State Government Retired Employees Association: Pensioners' Day, District Treasury Joint Director N. Yashoda inaugurates, Association President N. Obaiah presides, Veene Seshanna Bhavan (Ganabharathi), Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **3 pm.**

Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram: College anniversary celebrations, journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar inaugurates, Dept. of PU Education Dy. Director Dr. B.N. Nagaratna chief guest, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Treasurer B.S. Ravikumar presides, Trustee Srikanth Das will be present, College premises, **5 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, Dasarapada by Suma Vasanth and troupe, **5 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by B. Umapati and troupe, Temple premises, **6.45 pm.**

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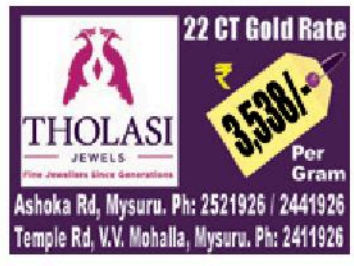

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